

## **Abstract**

A method for the preparation of a polypeptide of interest in authentic form by enzymatic cleavage of fusion proteins using Granzyme B protease (EC 3.4.21.79). There is also provided fusion proteins comprising a polypeptide of interest and a fusion partner, wherein the junction region between the polypeptide of interest and the fusion partner comprises a Granzyme B protease cleavage site adjacent to the polypeptide of interest, and a human Granzyme B protease variant wherein the Cystein residue no. 228 (chymotrypsinogen numbering) is mutated to Phenylalanine.